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SERIOUS AFFRAY.

Burnam Roberts Cuts and Badly Wounds Jerry Muncy.

During a difficulty which occurred near Louisa Wednesday afternoon Burnam Roberts stabbed and seriously injured Jerry Muncy. The men occupy adjoining farms, and the difficulty originated in a dispute over a boundary line between the two farms. It is said that Roberts notified Muncy that he intended to move a division fence, and that on the afternoon mentioned Muncy went to Roberts and told him not to move the fence but to wait and have the ground surveyed. A quarrel ensued in which Roberts used a knife with damaging effect upon his foe.

The cut is over the left carotid artery, dangerously near that important vessel, a deep cut on the cheek, and a very bad stab under the right shoulder blade. There is much excitement in the neighborhood, where the affray occurred, as the men are prominent in the community where they live.

Redwine Says.

Because of the increase in litigation and the crowded condition of the dockets it became necessary to create the 32nd Judicial District which requires the election of a Judge at the coming November election to fill the unexpired term of two years.

At the close of my term as Commonwealth's Attorney four years ago I declined re-election and voluntarily retired to public life. Two years ago, against my will, I was called on to make the race to represent Elliott and Carter counties. I yielded to the demands of my party and won in a district which the previous year had given 487 majority against me. I passed the County Court bill and Shipping Bill, which prevents the carrying or shipping of whisky into local option territory.

I was appointed by His Excellency, Gov. Beckham, for one year as Judge of the new district and am trying to enforce the law and clear the dockets of cases. How well I am succeeding I leave to the jurors, who have served in my courts and to the bar and all who have been in my courts.

It hardly looks fair that I should be cut off with one year's service as Judge. If I am nominated and elected I will consider that an endorsement of my course and efforts for the good of my people, and will not be a candidate for the regular term which comes at the end of the two years balance of this term I am asking for.

I appeal to the people and my party to sustain me in my efforts to suppress the lawless and protect the innocent.

Very truly yours,

M. M. REDWINE.

Better Late Than Never.

This advice applies to the pleasant bit of information which the NEWS publishes this morning. It comes under the head of Matrimonial Intelligence, and relates briefly the story of the marriage of two well known and worthy young people. It occurred just a month ago, at the home of Dan Hinkle, father of the groom, and the high contracting parties were Miss Leona Gumbell and James Hinkle. Mrs. Hinkle was one of the best of the many bright young women of this county who ornament the profession of teaching, and with her excellent mental qualities she combines a very charming personality.

The wedding occurred at Richmond, Christmas eve.

Mr. Hinkle is a young lawyer of more than ordinary ability, and the NEWS is pleased to know that he will soon locate in Louisa for the purpose of practicing his profession. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle wish for them a happy and prosperous future.

Killing at Gray.

Wrecker reports have reached here of a shooting affray on the Tug side at Pike county, nearly opposite Gray, on the N. W.

It is said that Jim Roberts shot and instantly killed a man by the name of Daniels. According to the reports Daniels and Roberts had some

difficulty and Roberts later got his rifle and went in search of Daniels with the avowed purpose of killing him on sight. It is said that when he found him he told his victim of his intentions, but Daniels pleaded for his life and jumped behind a tree for protection.

The tree, however, proved to be no protection and Roberts raised his rifle, which was a Krag - Jorgensen, and fired through the tree, killing Daniels instantly.

Roberts is said to have made his escape to the mountains and a number of men have since been searching for him, but so far have been unable to locate him.

Shooting through a tree sounds impossible to those who do not know the power and force of a Krag-Jorgensen rifle, but it is a fact, as an ordinary tree offers but slight resistance to a bullet fired by one of those guns.

The Frisky Skates.

Something like twenty years ago there was a roller skating craze, such as is prevalent now and the late Bill Nye, one of the most famous humorists of the country, tried them. Then he wrote the following:

"The roller skate is a wayward little quadruped. It is as frolicsome and more innocent looking than a lamb, but for interfering with one's upright attitude in the community, it is perhaps, the best machine that has appeared in Salt Lake City."

"One's first feeling on standing up on a pair of roller skates is an uncomfortable tendency to come from together. One foot may start out toward Idaho, while the other as promptly starts out for Arizona. The legs do not stand by each other, as legs related by blood should do, but each shows a disposition to set up in business alone, and leave you to take care of yourself as best you may."

The awkwardness of this arrangement must be apparent. While they are setting up independently, there is nothing for you to do but sit down and await future developments. And you have to sit down, too, without having made any previous preparation for it, and without having devoted as much thought to it as you might have done had you been consulted in the matter.

"There are different kinds of falls in vogue at the rink. There are the rear falls and front falls, the Cardinal Wolsey fall, the fall one across the other, three in a pile, and so on. There are some of the falls I would like to be excused from getting. The rear fall is the favorite. It is more frequently utilized than any other. There are two positions in skating, the perpendicular and the horizontal. Advance skaters prefer the perpendicular, while others affect the horizontal."

"Skaters are no respecters of persons. They will lay out a minister of the gospel or the mayor of the city as readily as they will throstle-coated, one suspender boy, or giddy girl."

"The equipments for the rink are a pair of skates a cushion and a bottle of liniment."

Flood at Catlettsburg.

The flood at Catlettsburg attained its full height Saturday night. Since Sunday morning the waters have gradually receded, uncovering the stricken city. The greatest height was about two inches less than the high water mark of February, 1884. There is scarcely a whole window glass or door left in the business houses on Front street, where the wind and waves held high revel. Doors were wrenched from their hinges and carried down the river. As the waters fall, hundreds of workmen are engaged in clearing away the mud and debris.

Lunar Eclipse.

Early in the morning of next Tuesday the moon will be eclipsed. The celestial show, admittance free, will begin about five o'clock, central standard time. If the earth cast no shadow there would be no eclipse of the moon. This planet in its monthly journey around the sun, passes either above or below its shadow, but when it moves directly through it. The moon is then darkened and an eclipse of the moon takes place.

As the sun will be up when the entertainment is going on the show will not be worth more than the price of admission.

TWO CONVICTIONS.

Jesse Browning Gets Twenty Years and Frank Kelly One Year.

The second week of the present term of the Lawrence Circuit Court was quite a busy one. Prominent among the cases disposed of was that of the Commonwealth against Jesse Browning, charged with the murder of Mary McNeely. The particulars of this bloody tragedy, which occurred in August, 1905, the hunt for and final capture of the murderer, have all been told in these columns. His trial consumed a day, and yesterday morning the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter and fixed Browning's punishment at 20 years' confinement in the penitentiary.

In the case of Victor Caperton, charged with arson, the jury, on peremptory instruction by the Court, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Something like a year ago Frank Kelly shot at his son with the evident intention to kill him. He inflicted a wound which caused the loss of one of the boy's legs. For this he got a sentence of one year in the pen.

Former Sheriff Jesse Cordell, charged with embezzlement, was found not guilty. The County Court had failed to make and enter an order directing him to collect the taxes, and on this technicality the defendant was acquitted.

Contrary to usual course the grand jury did not adjourn until last Tuesday. It was unable to procure witnesses, on account of high water. Seventy-two indictments were made.

McClure in a Raid.

With a plank as a battering ram United States revenue officers forced their way through the rear door of the residence of Frank Hartman, 4719 Woodland-ave, S. E., and pried off what is considered the most successful raid upon an alleged illicit oleomargarine factory ever made in Cleveland, O.

The officers say they caught Frank Hartman and his brother Henry, who resides next door, at work coloring white oleo. When Henry Hartman started to pull a gun on the raiders he found himself face to face with the muzzles of three weapons in the hands of the officers and was disarmed.

The alleged illegal operations of the Hartman brothers, according to their admissions to the authorities, have continued for a year and during that time it is believed by the officers that they have made between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It is charged that white oleo, bought at 10 cents a pound, was colored and sold as butter at 25 cents a pound. In addition to the profit by their sales, the Hartman brothers, also, it is said, escaped the tax of 10 cents a pound imposed by the government on colored oleo.

The raid was made by Special Revenue Officers L. T. McClure and three or four others.

A Needed Rest.

H. C. Boughton, superintendent of the Kentucky division of the C. and O. railroad, with headquarters at Ashland, has asked for and has been granted a leave of absence, on account of ill health. Mr. Boughton is an efficient and valued official, and is well known in this city, where he has frequently visited. It is understood that his request for leave is due to a serious nervous breakdown, necessitating a rest and recuperative trip. Mr. Boughton's duties will be discharged by Supt. C. P. Goodwin, of the Cincinnati division, who has headquarters in Covington, Ky., and who will direct operations of both divisions.

Engineers B. L. Wesley and Chas. Burke, Baggage-master Tom Lora and Brakeman McClelland Warnock, of the C. and O. S. division of the C. and O., were here Tuesday as witnesses in a railroad case. The case was continued until next Tuesday.

Concerning Neri F. Swetnam.

Gateway, Mont. Jan. 5. Editor Big Sandy News, Louisa, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:—Thinking this will be of interest to many of your readers, as he has relatives and friends still living

in that part of the country I send you notice of the death of Neri F. Swetnam.

Neri F. Swetnam was born on the old Swetnam homestead near Blaine, Lawrence county Kentucky, 59 years ago, and resided in that vicinity until 1900, when he moved to North Dakota and came to Montana in August, 1906, and died of heart disease January 1, 1907.

Mr. Swetnam leaves a wife and eight children, M. G. Swetnam, the oldest son, is in Louisiana, and of daughters, Mrs. Sidney Cornfred, Mrs. Cynthia Hall and Maggie Swetnam are at Lansford, N. D., Mrs. Ida Himes is at Clareholm, Alberta, Canada, and Mrs. Elsie Merrill is at Gateway, Montana. Mrs. Swetnam and the three youngest children, Pauline, Birdie and Eliza, also reside at Gateway.

Mr. Swetnam's death was very unexpected, as he was stricken while in the yard and was dead before we reached him, although we saw him fall and ran to him at once.

Yours Respectfully,

Arthur Merrill.

Resolution Of Respect.

The following resolutions are concerning the sad death of a lady well known to many in this vicinity:

Carter Lodge, No. 264, I. O. O. F. Whereas, God in His infinite goodness and wisdom has seen fit to call from this earthly home, to that celestial home above, on December 29th, 1906 Mrs. E. W. O'Rourke, wife of our worthy and esteemed Brother E. W. O'Rourke.

Resolved, that on the death of Mrs. O'Rourke, the community has lost a worthy sister and neighbor, the husband a devoted and obedient wife, the children an indulgent and loving mother.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon our minute book, and be published in our county papers, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. & T. Com. M. T. Botts, M. D. McCarty.

Running Over.

But room and rooms will be found for the many who are coming. The latest building to be engaged for the accommodation of the College is the Baptist Church. The big College building proper, the Masonic Hall, the I. O. O. F. Hall, the big room in the Bank Block and now the church. These are full, and there are no laggards on the streets. From seven in the morning until after 4 p. m. the recitations go on. Work is the watchword and Success! the goal.

Don't forget these young people who are here seeking wisdom and understanding. Give them the glad hand and not the icy mitt.

Good Reason For Assisting.

Lawrence county has good reason for assisting in a movement like the Kentucky exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, because of many attractions it possesses for exploitation before the outside world. It has fine deposits of coal and iron and excellent agricultural possibilities. T. S. Thompson, of this city, has been appointed by J. Stoddard Johnston, president of the Kentucky Jamestown Exposition Commission, vice chairman of the Finance Committee for Lawrence county. The county is asked to subscribe \$129.67 to the fund for a State building and exhibit.

The Flood.

Louisa being high, if not very dry, suffered none from the damaging flood of last week. The river here reached its highest point, 41 feet, about noon Saturday and then rapidly receded. Dwellers along the Ohio, however, were not so fortunate. While the high water mark of 1884 was not reached, the damage and suffering were very great. Much property was ruined, thousands of people were made homeless, and as the flood was followed by very cold weather the suffering in many sections was intense.

Mrs. Garred's Flinch.

Mr. A. J. Garred is well known as a most hospitable entertainer, and in her reception of the Flinch Club last week her reputation as a hostess was well sustained. No element of good cheer was lacking, and interest in the contest of cards was maintained throughout, being most agreeably refreshed and rewarded at the close.

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Picked Up At Pike, Paint and Prestonsburg.

In the Court of Appeals Langhorne vs. Nelson, Johnson; reversed.

The American Medical Association has appointed Dr. Z. A. Thompson, of Pikeville, as a member of the National Auxiliary Congressional Committee of this association. His duty is to advise in the matter of medical legislation.

The directors of the Paintsville National Bank re-elected all its old officers, excepting Jas. W. Turner, Assistant Cashier, in the place of Jno. H. Preston, who declined to serve further on account of other business. Jas. A. Williams was elected Teller, in place of Jas. W. Turner.

Salisburyville, Ky.,—Magoffin county is rich in timber and coal and is as much interested as any section of the State in a movement intended to aid in Kentucky development like the representation of the State at the Jamestown Exposition. D. W. Gardner, of this place, has been named chairman of the Magoffin county committee to solicit funds during the week commencing January 21, and the county is asked to raise \$67.00 as its share.

Pikeville, Ky.,—Pike county has untold wealth in the coal deposits, which underlie its surface. The county needs manufacturing industries which can use the raw timber materials of this section. One railroad now runs squarely through the county. Pike county's citizens are deeply interested in any movement which will help develop the State.

Wm. Hatcher, of this place, has been appointed by President Col. J. Stoddard Johnston, vice chairman of Finance for this county. The commission wants to raise the sum of \$217.17 as this county's contribution to the \$40,000 fund.

Paintsville, Ky.,—G. M. Johnson, of this place, has been appointed vice chairman of the Division of Finance for the Kentucky Jamestown Exposition Commission, and has been asked to name a committee to assist him in raising \$93.46 as this county's share of the \$40,000 fund. People with money to invest could hardly find a more profitable opening than the rich coal fields of this section. The county has all kinds of hard and softwood timber, and manufacturing establishments consuming this raw material would be a paying investment. It offers many attractive possibilities, too, to outside investors.

Inez, Ky., Martin county, with its splendid timber, its gas wells and its mineral deposits and its forests of excellent woods, is interested in any movement that will assist in the general development of Kentucky. Its citizens believe that this State should be represented at the Jamestown Exposition, and James T. Fletcher, of this place, is chairman of the county committee appointed to solicit funds to aid in this movement during the coming week. Martin county has been asked by Col. J. Stoddard Johnston, president of the Kentucky Jamestown Exposition Commission, to contribute \$47.23 to this fund.

The Paintsville Herald is reliably informed that it is the intention to make the Muddy Branch coal operation the largest in the Big Sandy Valley, and to this end the company will spare no expense.

It is said the company will establish a "settlement" around their mines a model town, which, when fully fledged, will be inhabited by 2000 people. In addition to a good free school and a splendid church, a good public free library, baths will be afforded. The North-East first acquired the mines of the Muddy Branch Coal Co., and the Aerogen. The names of both mines have been changed to North-East No. 1 and 2, respectively. The company has named the place of its operations, "Thealka" in honor of Mrs. John C. Mayo, and an effort is soon to be made to change the name of the Muddy Branch postoffice to that of Thealka.

In County Court of Johnson county, last week, John Hayes, of Law-

rence, sought to obtain a division of the lands of the late Dock Nickell, in the Little Gap section. Hays had held a mortgage on the interests of Raney and Stanton Nickell, in said lands and had obtained a decree foreclosing his mortgage. When the question of division was raised in County Court, some of the heirs of the late Dock Nickell resisted the motion, and filed an answer, alleging, in substance, that the will of Nickell was procured through fraud; that Dock Nickell at the time was not of a disposing mind, and that what purports to be his will, was not signed by him, but was signed by Raney Nickell, and later probated by the said Nickell. The charge is alleged good and strong and a hot fight over the validity of the will is promised.

The members of the Pikeville bar on last evening received the following announcement: "T. H. Harmon and A. E. Ayer announce that the partnership heretofore existing between them for the practice of law, under the firm of Harmon and Ayer, has been dissolved by mutual consent. They each will continue the practice of law."

Just after 6 o'clock this morning Mont Lowe, of Williamson, and Miss Grace Williamson, of this place, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Barbara Marrs, by Rev. P. E. Thornburg, of the M. E. Church, South, in the presence of only a few relatives and friends. They left on train No. 37 at 6:20 o'clock for their home at Williamson.

Hon. W. P. Tyree is here packing his goods, preparatory to removing to Huntington, where he will make his future home.

Prestonsburg, Ky.,—Floyd county has been asked to raise the sum of \$25.06 as its share of the \$40,000 fund sought by the Kentucky Jamestown Exposition Commission in its effort to aid in State development by a representation at the World's Fair at Norfolk this year. Floyd county has many advantages to offer to outside investors, having an excellent farming section and possessing of much good timber land. Harmon Harris has been named by President Johnston, of the Kentucky Jamestown Exposition Commission, as vice chairman of the Division of Finance. Among those named on the committee which will assist are: Miss Judith L. Davidson and Messrs. W. H. May and A. J. May, all of this place. Other names will be added to the committee by Chairman Harris.

The "Uncle C." referred to below is a Methodist preacher well known in this valley:

As one goes into Pikeville, there are three splendid smooth ledges—just the thing for signs for the Lord. So thought Uncle C., and to think with him is to act.

He got his paint-pot and brush and after a day or two of climb and hard work, the upper ledge had in great letters.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

He intended to finish his work on the other ledges. As he was taking the time, he laid off from that job for a day or two.

Meanwhile, one of those patent medicine fellows came along, and concluded when he saw Uncle C.'s work, that the next ledge was what he wanted, and he put in great letters, just below it.

TAKE LIGHTNING HOT DROPS.

When Uncle C. came back to finish his job and saw what a vandal hand had done, he finished on the lower ledge, and it stands there to-day:

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

TAKE LIGHTNING HOT DROPS.

AND

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD.

John B. Begley, the young attorney who was shot and seriously injured during a feudist fight near Paintsville, Ky., a few days ago, and who was brought to Gray's Sanitarium where an operation was performed upon him last Friday, is getting along as nicely as could be expected, and bids fair to recover.

The doctors failed to locate the bullet, but removed a number of pieces of bone from his back, and paralysis is gradually disappearing. His condition is such it will take a long time for him to recover. — Ironton Register.